

CENTER SCENE



The Bureau of Land Management Service Center Newsletter

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CFC to Have a New Look This Year

The Combined Federal Campaign at the Service Center this year will feature several new types of events. Jenny Saunders (SC-322), this year's CFC Chairperson, has brought some fresh new ideas from her previous State Office assignment.

At the outset of the campaign, on October 16, a CFC Agency Fair is going to be held at Building 56. Local agencies who benefit from our contributions will be setting up displays. This will give all of us an opportunity to see how our CFC dollars are put to work in our local community.

The fair will also give those who attend an idea of the wide variety of services available to all of us from consumer organizations, museums (including the Denver Museum of Natural History), volunteer search and rescue teams, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, Meals on Wheels, adoption exchanges, and many others.

The fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. To encourage participation, no annual leave will be charged. Refreshments will be served and a local high school band will provide free entertainment. The fair will offer a unique opportunity for each of us to go beyond the brochure descriptions, meet face-to-face with charitable organizations, ask questions, and get down-to-earth information.

Another new feature of this year's campaign will be a donated item auction. An auctioneer will auction off items, with members of the audience bidding in terms of CFC pledges. One popular item at this type of auction is the pie (or cake, or cookies) of the month club, where an individual agrees to donate a pie each month for a year to the high bidder (bachelors, take note!). Other items can include airplane rides, Bronco or Nuggets tickets, or craft items. This auction will take the place of the random drawings held in past years.

The annual breakfast served by the Management Team to the SC Division



having the highest participation rate will once again be held, with one interesting addition. This year, breakfast will also be served to the Division showing the greatest improvement in participation rate over last year.

Of course, the point of all of these festivities is to help raise money for causes that benefit all of us, and to have some fun doing it. The campaign will run from October 15 through November 2 this year. Over 100 new agencies have been added for the 1991 campaign, giving us 750 agencies to choose from when we designate our gifts.

People tend to band together in tough times. As we face our own tough times as individuals and as an agency, let us not forget that many of our neighbors are facing even tougher times.

This year you may designate your Combined Federal Campaign contributions to the Developmental Day School at the Federal Center. It will be No. 1448 on the list of organizations. These monies will be designated to purchase items for the overall enrichment of the children's environment and to provide a scholarship fund.

October is National Disability Month

The program sponsors are interested in your suggestions and recommendations for observances. In the past there has been an extensive program on deaf awareness and a Halloween party for the developmentally disabled students at the Fletcher Miller School. Please contact Lynne Price at 236-6703 if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to help with this year's program.

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD AT DFC

A Department of the Interior Science and Technology Youth Symposium will be held at the Denver Federal Center on October 17. Approximately 300 local inner-city high school students will take part in the activities.

The Symposium is being held to acquaint the students with the various Departmental agencies and to give them some idea of the employment opportunities available. Exhibits will be set up in Building 67 and workshops will be conducted in Building 56.

Several SC people are involved in planning and setting up BLM's display. Peter Doran (SC-140), Jenny Saunders (SC-322), and Herman Weiss (SC-678) are working with the Colorado State Office to create a three-part exhibit that will highlight the Bureau's cadastral survey, multiple-use management, and LIS/GIS programs. A pumper truck from the Canon City District, a ranger vehicle from Grand Junction, and some whitewater rafts representing the recently created Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area will also be on display. Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan and the national media are scheduled to attend. The Symposium is one more example of the Bureau's commitment to reaching out to local communities and being a good neighbor.

AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE

The Denver Federal Executive Board has awarded Nellie Werito, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist, the 1990 Federal Women's Program Achievement Award in recognition of her superior performance and contributions towards furthering the goals and objectives of FWP.

Nellie has been a member of DFEB/FWP for 6 years, and served as vice chairperson both this year and last. The objectives of the program are to help with recruitment, to identify

and reduce barriers to promotions and advancements, to provide general training, and basically to give females equal opportunity in the Federal Government.

A great deal of hard work on Nellie's part has gone into producing a vital women's program at the Service Center. In the EEO Office, Nellie keeps job information and circulates vacancies of particular interest to women; works with the library to maintain literature that is pertinent to women in the Federal workforce; maintains a bulletin board of information applicable to women; and provides career and complaint counseling for women. In addition, Nellie sponsors and plans programs for Federal Women's Equality Day. She also participates in other agencies' programs and helps organize training sessions offered by the DFEB several times a year.

Nellie feels that her work for the Federal Women's Program is having a positive impact and is successful in many ways. Most importantly, the program helps agencies provide general career training for women, both by putting on training seminars and by offering scholarships for training. The program also lends itself as a forum for discussing common problems and solutions for women in the Federal workforce. In addition, the program provides a networking system and a variety of recruitment contacts.



According to Nellie, "This award makes me feel like I have done some good for people and have helped them get hired, trained, and promoted. It's nice to know that they appreciate my work."

Congratulations to you, Nellie!

Personnel News

Separations:

Rebecca DeLio, Student Trainee (Library), SC-320
Bobby Weisz, Secretary, SC-320
Wayne Buehrer, Computer Systems Analyst, SC-340
Bonnie Alkire, Voucher Examiner, SC-610

MANAGER'S PROFILE

Name: Deb Price

Division/Staff: EEO, SC-120

Job responsibilities: To help everyone at the SC (1) understand the value of a diverse workforce and thereby appreciate how our individual differences benefit the organization's vitality; and (2) receive fair treatment in their worklife regardless of their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, or disabilities.



Proudest job accomplishment in past year: Resolving some tough EEO complaints.

Proudest personal accomplishment: Completing my master's degree while working for the Government full-time.

Personal thoughts/philosophies: It's unfortunate that by the time most of us become adults, our spirits have become so wounded that our need to receive love/acceptance far outweighs our need to give love/acceptance. And, ironically, the secret to receiving love/acceptance is to give it without expecting anything in return.

Person/event that has had the greatest impact on your life and why: When I was 14 years old my mother died

unexpectedly. From this I learned to never take for granted the life I've been given.

Personal strong points: I care about people's well-being. I still believe in justice (even though it's not "the 60's"!); I'm honest with myself.

As a child, what you wanted to be when you grew up: A scientist and a jet-setter!

Favorite pastime(s): Camping, photography, hunting, and fishing.

Favorite book: *Demian* by Herman Hesse.

Favorite TV show: All-time favorite — *M*A*S*H**; current favorite — *The Young Riders*.

Favorite quote: "You need only claim the events of your life to make yourself yours" — Florida Scott-Maxwell.

Waste Minimization

The Waste Minimization Committee, made up of employees from several agencies, is meeting monthly as part of the effort to enhance the environment at the Denver Federal Center.

Specific actions the committee is working on include:

- Expanding the existing recycling program
- Finding ways to use recycling money to support the long-term environmental enhancement at the DFC
- Educating people on recycling
- Reducing the sources of waste
- Using recycled paper
- Placing recycling containers at the DFC
- Using biodegradable soaps in restrooms and for cleaning
- Using biodegradable or recyclable cafeteria supplies

If you have ideas to share with the committee, contact Lynn Almer at 236-8633.

Reminder — The Halloween Costume Contest/Chili Cookoff will be held in the Building 50 conference rooms at 11:30 a.m. on October 31, 1990.